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## LUNAR ECLIPSES.

A FRIEND has handed to us the following explanations of lunar eclipses. He claims no originality for the theory, it being found in any text-book on Astronomy:

The sun being larger than the earth and being the source of the greater part of the light of the universe, casts a shadow from every planet on which it shines.

Take a large lamp into a dark room. Hold an apple before the light. It is true you don't see the shadow on the wall, yet the space between the apple and the so-called shadow on the wall is the true shadow, being the part of the atmosphere in which there is no light. If you will hold the apple one foot from the light and hold a book four or five feet from the apple and keep moving it back and forward you will see that the shadow grows smaller and larger, and the place can be found where the end of the shadow is. Now I think you can imagine the earth casting a similar shadow in the boundless depths of space. This shadow will of course be opposite the sun. The moon, you are aware, has no light, being only reflected light from the sun. This immense shadow of the earth has been calculated to be 857,000 miles long. The moon revolves around the earth once a month, and of course it will strike this shadow very often, how often does not now concern us. I think it is plain if the moon gets into this shadow where there is no light, the moon having none of its own, that it would appear dark to us. This shadow where the moon crosses it, about 239,000 miles from the earth, is about 5,700 miles across, or about two and two thirds the distance across the moon, or its diameter. The moon travels about its diameter in an hour, so the total eclipse would last two hours and two thirds. The coming on and going off, while the moon is entering the shadow and going off, consumes nearly two hours more, so we may say that an eclipse may last four hours. The moon must, however, go through the center of the shadow to last this long, or it may, however, just touch one edge and make a partial eclipse.

I have only stated the explanation briefly, but I hope any one who may read this, if he does not already know, may afterwards have some idea of how an eclipse of the moon occurs.

The name of Col. Polk is used by all the papers we see. Some think he is a tool for the republicans, and others claim that he is a true, upright man. One thing certain, the Alliancemen all over the country think well of him as they have re-elected him as their president. He is held in the highest esteem by the alliance, and we think some papers are too severe in their criticisms on Col. Polk. The latest charge against him is, that in the event the democrats nominated Cleveland, he would stamp the State of North Carolina against him. We do not believe that Polk

would do this, for he certainly would not do any thing to aid the republican party in getting control of his own State; and he would most assuredly rather see Cleveland elected than Harrison; so we will not believe this charge until it is established. Cleveland has not been nominated yet, but there is strong talk of it, and the only objection the alliance can urge against him is his position on the free coinage of silver. Now we are not able to say who is right on this issue, but we think it is safe to rely on men of great knowledge and experience on this question. Cleveland may be right or he may be wrong, but if he is nominated we are for him.

## From Wake Forest.

The bachelor professors of this institution now number one less than formerly. Prof. C. E. Brewer returned a few evenings ago, a married man. His wife was a Miss Bell, of Rocky Mount. Of course the boys gave him a welcome, and a hearty one, too; a welcome that will be remembered by everyone who was with in one mile of Wake Forest that night. The ingenuity of 200 boys was tested that night, and every one recognized the fact that genius was in no wise wanting in the ability of devising innumerable means of making noise. They called for the good natured professor to make a speech, which he did with ability. He said that he was at the end of his troubles but he didn't know which end.

The wee, small hours of the night came before that noisy crowd laid their horns and pans aside and reveled in pleasant slumbers.

Foot-b-a-a-l! This sonorous word has been yelled for the month about 4 o'clock in the evening. It means nothing more than that the boys are going to play a game of 'foot ball.' This is very common game among college students who can devise no better way of breaking arms, legs, and noses, or being bruised up generally. Our teams have been practicing to play a match game at Raleigh with the University boys, which game I am happy to state, was played at Raleigh last Tuesday and was won by Wake Forest, and the man who was worst hurt had only three ribs broken. It takes large, strong boys to play this game, so several of my friends have hinted to me that I would make a good player, and it would toughen me and give me good exercise. As yet, I have not played.

Mr. Bostic, of New York, who has been so liberal in giving money to the College, agrees to extend his proposition till next June. The proposition made by Mr. Bostic a year ago was, that he would give one dollar for every two that the people in North Carolina would give. The proposition would last until the first of March, and the sum given by Mr. Bostic should not exceed \$25,000. About one half of the amount was raised.

The Exposition has attracted a great number of people from all parts of the State, and, in fact, many of the States are largely represented. A great many old students came to the Exposition, and quite a number of them stopped over and spent several days with us.

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## STATE NEWS

Wake Forest College has a \$210,000 endowment fund.

A new hotel is to be built in Asheville, which will cost \$150,000.

No prospects that North Carolina will have any exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago.

The University of North Carolina is in its 97th year; Salem Female Academy in its 89th year.

At a corn shucking in Davie county, on the 4th, a row occurred in which Ed Faircloth was killed.

Old North Carolina is waking up; manufacturing is increasing; railroads are being built; towns are going up everywhere; farming is being carried on more systematically, and the people are improving in many ways.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Augusta, Ga., had a \$125,000 fire on the 11th.

Col. Don Platt is dead. La-grippe was the cause.

Chattanooga, Tenn., had a \$50,000 fire on the 17th.

The B. O. O. R. R. has declared a dividend of 20 per cent.

The Koch Lymph medicine has proven to be a great humbug.

Both political parties are still claiming the New York Legislature.

Peace seems to be established with Chili. After all the bluster there will be no fight.

"Sockless Jerry" had the socks knocked off of him in the recent political cyclone in Kansas.

A young Astor was born in New York recently. His fortune is \$150,000,000 from the Astor estate.

The people in New York City are said to be suffering for water, owing to the drought this fall.

Judge Thurman, the old Roman, of Ohio, is in very feeble health, and will probably never recover.

The Democratic and independent press of the country are advocating Cleveland's nomination.

"A man wants but little here below." The most of them, with whom we are acquainted, will take all they can get. Woman likewise.

Small pox has broken out in the south eastern part of Georgia. The Governor has applied for Government assistance in preventing its spreading.

Congressman John T. Head, of Mo., delivered an address in opposition to Government ownership of railroads before the National Farmers' Alliance at Sadelia, Mo., recently.

The South Dakota Farmers' Alliance began its annual session at Huron, S. D., last week. It is the smallest gathering that has assembled at the annual session since its organization. Political defeat and the incessant clamor for office made by the leaders, is said to have nearly wrecked the Alliance in that State.

Tennessee and Virginia are having a long tedious lawsuit about their State line. Depositions are being taken in Bristol daily, preparatory to the suit. In 1802, the State line was run by commissioners from the corners of Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina. On White

about Bristol.

Top, this line was marked on trees and stones, and in 1858, Baugh and Black ran the line again and traced the same old line. There is no trouble about the line only

## POLITICAL NEWS.

The third party will be abandoned by the Alliance, and they will vote just as they please hereafter.

McKinley, of Ohio, is coming to the front as the nominee of the Republicans. Tariff reform will again be the issue.

Last Thursday Col. L. L. Polk was re-elected president of the National Alliance at Indianapolis without opposition.

The South had 153 votes in the last Presidential election. It has now 159. It will take 223 votes to elect a President; the total number of electoral votes being 444.

The Alliance in their National Convention at Indianapolis, split on the sub-treasury, and the anti-sub-treasury have called a convention at Memphis, Tenn., in December.

On the 15th of Nov., 1889, the Emperor of Brazil was dethroned and banished out of the Empire. A Republic was established, the life of which is now threatened, and very soon, in all probability, the Government will be changed again.

Cleveland and Boies, Cleveland and Russell, but always Cleveland, is now the slogan from all over the North, East, and West. What is the South going to do about it? Cleveland will be nominated. It is claimed that he is stronger than ever before, except in the South.

The Virginia commissioners, who were appointed to settle the State debt, has agreed with the bond-holders to settle \$28,000,000 of the Virginia debt by issuing \$19,000,000 of new bonds, to run for 100 years, at 2 per cent interest for ten years, and 3 per cent interest for the balance of the time.

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